

Mike Pomeroy – In Memoriam

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On August 17, 2011 Utah Child Welfare lost a great champion of children, families and fellow workers – Mike Pomeroy.



Mike worked for DCFS for almost 20 years, most recently as a Child Welfare Administrator in the Northern Region Ogden office. Many people throughout the state knew Mike – he was hard to miss – 6’10” and size 18 shoes! Mike was only 43 years old when he died.

Mike loved to teach and he taught us all – by how he lived, treated other people, how well he loved, how much he loved and how much he was loved.

Everyone knew Mike loved his wife, Sarah and their children – they came first, always. He loved his work and the people he worked with, by and for. Mike was the region connection to so many community and state partners.

He never spoke an unkind word about anyone – ever. He went out of his way to help others. He lived his beliefs – there are very few about whom that can be said – but it can be said about Mike.

On September 28, the Northern Region gathered to celebrate Mike’s life. Sarah and all five of their children attended. Memories, which brought tears and laughter, were shared. Mike would have felt humbled by all who gathered to honor him.

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After sharing the stories, everyone gathered in the open area to the west of the building. Over 200 balloons had been filled with helium and those who wished, tied notes to the strings. Mike's family gave the countdown and the balloons filled the sky with color and warmth and joy. We said good-bye to a man who left us too soon – one who lived his life well – and will be remembered forever.